STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1704

NURSES AND MIDWIVES

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1967

Made - - - -	17*th November* 1967
Laid before Parliament	24*th November* 1967
Coming into Operation	30*th November* 1967

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 2, 3, 6, 7 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957(**a**), and section 17 of that Act, as substituted by section 1 of the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967(**b**), made rules further amending the Nurses Rules 1961(**c**), as amended(**d**), and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32 of the Nurses Act 1957, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1967, and shall come into operation on 30th November 1967.

SCHEDULE

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Nurses Acts 1957 *to* 1967

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2, 3, 6, 7 and 30 of the Nurses Act 1957 and section 17 of that Act, as substituted by section 1 of the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967, hereby make the following Rules:—

Title and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules 1967 and shall come into operation on 30th November 1967.

2. These Rules and the Nurses Rules 1961 to 1966 may be cited together as the Nurses Rules 1961 to 1967.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Rules "the principal rules" means the Nurses Rules 1961, as amended, and a reference to a rule shall be construed as a reference to a rule of the principal rules.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) shall apply to the interpretation of these rules as it applies to an interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the principal rules

4. Rule 13 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph (1)(*a*) for the words "the month in which the written examination is held" there shall be substituted the words "the month in which the examination is completed";

(**a**) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (**b**) 1967 c. 16. (**c**) Scheduled to S.I. 1961/1520 (1961 II, p. 3127).
(**d**) Scheduled to S.I. 1965/1485, 1966/255, (1965 II, p. 4324; 1966 I, p. 659).
(**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) in paragraph (1)(*c*) for the words "the month in which the written examination is held" there shall be substituted the words "the month in which the examination is completed (or in the case of a candidate referred to in proviso (*a*) to rule 15(1), proviso (*b*) to rule 15(2), proviso (*b*) to rule 15(3) or proviso (*a*) to rule 15(4), the last day of the month following that month)".

5. In rule 16(1) the proviso shall be deleted.

6. In rule 38 for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(2) The application shall contain the names and addresses of two or more persons with knowledge of the facts found against her of whom two shall be Justices of the Peace, Ministers of Religion, registered medical practitioners, registered nurses or such other persons as the Council may approve, able and willing to identify the applicant and give evidence as to her character, and the nature of her employment since the date of the removal of her name and, where practicable, before that date".

7. At end of rule 67 there shall be added the following paragraphs:—

"or (*c*) she has successfully completed a course of training which is for the time being recognised by the Secretary of State for Education and Science as entitling her to be a qualified teacher for the purpose of regulations made, or having effect as if made, under section 4(2) of the Local Government Act 1966(a) and has had since registration not less than three years experience in nursing of which—

(i) not less than one year has been spent as a person in charge of a ward or department of an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained, and

(ii) not less than one year has been spent in other clinical nursing acceptable to the Council for the purposes of this paragraph, and

(iii) not less than one year has been spent in the teaching of nursing at an approved training institution under the supervision of a person holding the Council's certificate; or

(*d*) her name is included on any roll of teachers for the time being maintained by the Council for the Training of Health Visitors and she has had not less than two years experience in nursing since registration of which—

(i) not more than one year may have been as a health visitor, and

(ii) at least one year shall have been as a person in charge of a ward or department of an approved training institution in which pupil or student nurses are regularly trained; or

(*e*) in any particular case she appears to the Council and the Minister to be qualified for the teaching of nursing otherwise than as mentioned in the preceding provisions of this rule.".

G. E. Watts,
Chairman of the Council.

The Seal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was hereunto affixed on 16th November 1967.

(L.S.)

M. Henry,
Registrar.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 17th November 1967.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

(a) 1966 c. 42.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

The rules made by the General Nursing Council and approved by this Instrument amend the Nurses Rules 1961 to 1966. The amendments are as follows—

(*a*) Under the wider powers conferred by the Teachers of Nursing Act 1967, the rules add to those who can be recognised as teachers of nurses—

(i) those who are recognised by the Department of Education and Science as qualified teachers and have had specified nursing experience ;

(ii) those who are on the roll of teachers of the Council for the Training of Health Visitors and have had specified nursing experience ; and

(iii) others who in any particular case appear to the General Nursing Council and the Minister of Health to be qualified to teach nursing.

(*b*) Certain amendments are made with regard to the period of training necessary to qualify for entrance to the final examination of the General Nursing Council.

(*c*) Where a nurse is seeking to have her name restored to the register, the rules are amended to require in every case the submission of two references as to character from persons with knowledge of her employment since the date of removal and, where practicable, before that date.